

I also commend his family for standing by him as he worked tirelessly to repair and strengthen the reputation of one of America's premier training institutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to honor the service of one of America's finest military officers. I wish General Rosa and his family the best as he begins his new career as President of the the Citadel.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA STATE SENATOR MINNETTE DODERER

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, former Iowa State Senator Minnette Doderer, who passed away last month, was one of the true giants of Iowa politics. Born into very humble circumstances in Holland, IA in 1923, she served 12 terms in the Iowa House and two terms in the Iowa Senate, where she was the first woman to serve as President pro tempore.

Martin Luther King once said that "Life's most urgent and persistent question is: What are you doing for others?" During a long, feisty, and distinguished career in Iowa politics, Senator Doderer answered that question in spectacular fashion. She was a mentor and role model for women all across our State, a passionate champion of the Equal Rights Amendment, and an indomitable advocate for the poor, the neglected, and the voiceless in our State.

Some people run for public office to be somebody. Senator Doderer ran in order to get things done. She saw injustice, discrimination, and sexism, and she fought it with tremendous skill and courage. Above all, she made a practical difference, especially for women. She championed and passed legislation on equal rights, rape law reform, child care, and juvenile justice laws that made a concrete, tangible difference in the lives of Iowans.

Minnette Doderer was passionate about her family and her friends. She was a tough, tenacious fighter for what she believed in. She cared deeply about justice and fairness for ordinary people. Most of all, she was a good, decent, humane person—the kind of person that makes Iowa such a special place.

I valued Minnette's friendship and counsel. Though I regret she is no longer with us, I celebrate the living legacy she left behind: a better, fairer, more just and equal Iowa, especially for our daughters. May she rest in peace.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3402. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3824. An act to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions:

H. Con. Res. 178. Concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 245. Concurrent resolution expressing the Sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 68. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, chairman, and Mr. MCCOTTER of Michigan, vice chairman, appointed on March 8, 2005: Mr. OBERSTAR of Minnesota, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. SOUDER of Indiana, Mr. TANCREDO of Colorado, and Mr. LIPINSKI of Illinois.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House on yesterday, September 29, 2005, was signed subsequently on today, September 30, 2005, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1752. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize that act.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3824. An act to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 178. Concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 245. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the

United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1802. A bill to provide for appropriate waivers, suspensions, or exemptions from provisions of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 with respect to individual account plans affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 30, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1752. An act to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize that Act.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. TALENT):

S. 1804. A bill to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers who have suffered losses as a result of drought, Hurricane Katrina, and other natural disasters occurring during 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1805. A bill to repeal the increase in micropurchase authority for property and services for support of Hurricane Katrina relief and rescue operations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1806. A bill to authorize the United States Department of Energy to remediate the Western New York Nuclear Service Center in the Town of Ashford, New York, and dispose of nuclear waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1807. A bill to provide assistance for small businesses damaged by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1808. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the qualified medicare beneficiary (QMB) and specified low-income medicare beneficiary (SLMB) programs within the medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated: